



Year of Call

2023

Devil Masters

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Practice Profile

Neil specialises in commercial dispute resolution, with particular focus in the areas of commercial contracts, construction, arbitration, fraud, company law, real estate, professional negligence, insolvency, and defamation. He also has an interest in public law and has knowledge and experience of judicial review.

He developed particular expertise in financial disputes during his time working for an award-winning boutique law firm and then a leading international law firm. He was lead solicitor in several high-profile reported Court of Session cases.

As a solicitor, Neil appeared in debates and proofs in the Sheriff Court, Employment Tribunal hearings, arbitration proceedings, and a reported Sheriff Principal appeal. In 2016, he became one of only 15 Scottish lawyers Signet Accredited in commercial litigation by the WS Society. The following year Neil was granted extended rights of audience in the Court of Session and the UK Supreme Court.

Before devilling and calling to the Bar in 2023, Neil worked in-house for a global renewable energy company negotiating and drafting complex FIDIC-based construction supply agreements for significant wind energy projects in northern and central Europe. He also provided contract management and dispute resolution support for energy projects across Europe including Ukrainian wind farms impacted by the war.

Education & Professional Career to Date

LL.B. (Hons) (Dundee), Dip. L.P. (Glasgow Graduate School of Law)
LL.M. Commercial Law (Edinburgh)

Trainee Solicitor, Miller Samuel LLP (now Miller Samuel Hill Brown LLP)
Solicitor, WJM LLP

Senior Solicitor/Associate/Acting Head of Dispute Resolution, MBM Commercial LLP
Associate, HBJ Gateley (now Addleshaw Goddard LLP)
In-house Legal Counsel /Contract Manager/Solicitor Advocate, Vestas

Appointments

- Junior Counsel to the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry (2023–present)
- Admitted as a member of the Faculty Dispute Resolution Service (FDRS) and available for arbitrator appointments (2023–present)
- Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb) (2023–present)
- Member of AM Commercial Law Practice Group (2023–present)
- Course Organiser, Construction Law Elective, University of Edinburgh Diploma in Professional Legal Practice (2022–present)
- Writer to the Signet, WS Society (2016–present)
- Tutor, School of Law, Contract & Unjustified Enrichment, University of Edinburgh (2016–present)

Areas of Practice

- Clinical and Professional Negligence
- Commercial
- Crime
- Media Law, Privacy and Defamation
- Property
- Public and Fatal Accident Inquiries
- Public Law

Publications & Seminars

"Hedges: A Financial Plague" J.L.S.S. 2014, 59(1), 20-21 (co-authored with Cat MacLean)

"Once Bitten, Twice Shy" J.L.S.S. 2009, 54(9), 48-49

"Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreements - A Guide for Commercial Lawyers" MBL Seminars

"Prescribed & Time Barred Claims in Scotland - Update Your Knowledge" MBL Seminars

Additional Information

WS Society Signet Accredited in Commercial Litigation

Awarded University of Edinburgh/Hogan Lovells LLP's International Arbitration Prize

Spanish - professional competent fluency (level Intermediate B2)